

Overview of the Museum Facilities



Memorial Museum of the Fifth High School
Location: Kurokami North Campus

This building was completed in August 1889 and used to conduct as a classroom building for the Fifth High School. It has a masonry structure made of bricks and mortar, with a Western-style design. Its construction was led by the national government; two engineers from the Ministry of Education, namely Hanroku Yamaguchi and Masamichi Kuru, supervised its design and construction. It is one of the oldest high school buildings based on the old system in Japan.



Higo Iku Museum Location: Honjo Central Campus

This museum collects and exhibits valuable materials to record the traditions and history of medical education provided in the Higo (Kumamoto) area over time. Materials range from those belonging to Saishunkan, a medical school founded by the feudal lord Hosokawa Shigetaka in 1756, to those of the current Kumamoto University School of Medicine.



Kumayaku Museum Location: Oe Campus

This museum exhibits valuable materials and rare experimental tools related to the over 130-year history of the School of Pharmacy. It also includes a variety of exhibit areas that introduce visitors to the knowledge of medicine.



Medical Plant Garden Location: Oe Campus

It was established in 1927 as the Medical Plant Garden of the Kumamoto College of Pharmacy, the predecessor of the Faculty of Pharmacy. The garden contains more than 1,500 species of plants, many of which are the original plants of crude drugs listed in the Japanese Pharmacopoeia. The garden has also preserved and cultivated plants originating from the Banshi Garden of the former Hosokawa clan, including *Mokugenji*, *Tendaiyaku*, *Sanshuyu*, *Sanzashi*, and *Ninjinboku*.



Museum of Engineering Faculty
Location: Kurokami South Campus

This building was constructed in 1908 as a student machine shop for the former Kumamoto Technical College. Kumamoto University acquired this property and used it as a training facility until the completion of a new workshop in 1970. Eleven extremely valuable machines purchased between the Meiji and Taisho periods were maintained in working condition and designated as important cultural properties along with the building. It has also been recognized as a machine heritage site by the Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers.

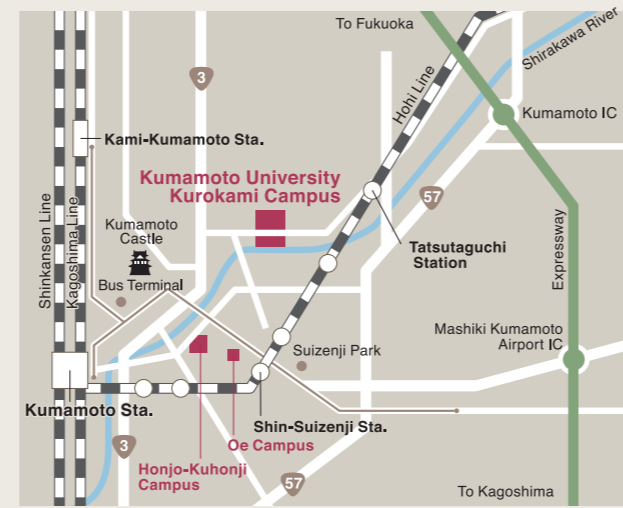
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The Campus Museum logo is designed with the initial letter "M" of "Museum" using the curves and straight lines found in the University's historic buildings. Its design represents that we are open to the community and the world.

Kumamoto University Area Map



The cover illustration shows Soseki Natsume, the Front Gate (the Red Gate), and the Memorial Museum of the Fifth High School, painted by Takumi Matsunaga.



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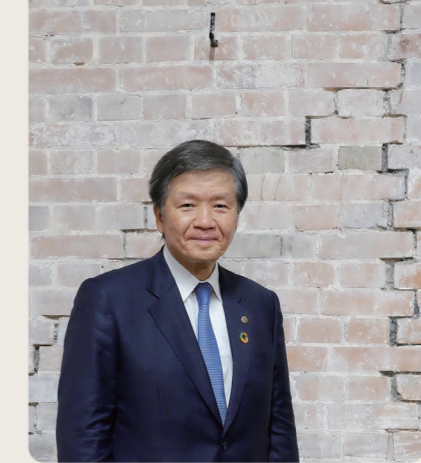


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Message

Campus Museum

Welcome to the Kumamoto University Campus Museum

Kumamoto University, which has a long history and tradition, has four buildings designated as nationally important cultural properties on its lush green campus, including the Memorial Museum of the Fifth High School. It also possesses valuable materials identified as nationally important cultural properties in its collection, such as documents and objects belonging to the Hosokawa family, lords of the Higo (Kumamoto) domain, deposited by the Eiseibunko Foundation, and documents from the Aso family in the university collection. These materials are being actively used for education and research.

The campus contains a wide-range of museums, such as the Higo Medical Education Museum, which introduced the tradition and history of medical education in Higo, a pioneer in the era, and produced the world-renowned bacteriologist Shibasaburo Kitasato. It also includes the Kumayaku Museum with its medicinal botanical garden, which preserves and nurtures a variety of medicinal and rare plants.

Kumamoto University has also included the Campus Museum Concept in its mid-term vision, that is, the "Kumamoto University Initiative 2030." It intends to actively utilize these valuable historical resources to promote education and research as well as to contribute to the development of education and culture by widely disseminating them to local and international communities and deepening interactions with them.

We hope to create a campus museum where people can visit, learn, enjoy, and talk to each other.

We look forward to welcoming many visitors to the Kumamoto University Campus Museum.

Hisao Ogawa
President of Kumamoto University

Donation to the Kumamoto University Campus Museum Project

The Kumamoto University Fund has established the "Campus Museum Project" as a donation program to promote the Campus Museum Concept. Your contributions to this project will be highly appreciated.



[Other related projects]
Environmental maintenance project around the Memorial Museum of the Fifth High School
Eisei Bunko Collection archiving project
Campus environment improvement project

[Contact for inquiries about the university fund]
Office for Endowment and Alumni Association
Tel: +81(0)-96-342-3129

Kurokami North Campus

* For more information, please visit the website of each facility.

01 Memorial Museum of the Fifth High School Important Cultural Property

Opening hours: 10:00–16:00 (admission until 15:30)
 Closed: Mondays, other days depending on the circumstances
 Tel: +81(0)96-342-2050
 Email: goko@kumamoto-u.ac.jp
<http://www.goko.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/>



02 Chemical Laboratory of the Fifth High School

Important Cultural Property
 *Limited access to the public
 Tel: +81(0)96-342-2050
 Email: goko@kumamoto-u.ac.jp
 This brick building was constructed simultaneously with the Goko Main Building. The laboratories are equipped with draft chambers, which are ventilation devices that harness the updraft generated by lamps to expel harmful fumes. The building has also been recognized as a chemical heritage site by the Chemical Society of Japan.

03 Omotemon (The Front Gate) Important Cultural Property

The Omotemon of Goko (The Fifth High School), commonly known as Akamon (The Red Gate), was built simultaneously with the Goko Main Building. The gate, comprising the main pillars and wing walls of brick and natural stone, faces the old Bungo Road (currently prefectural route 337).

04 Eisei Bunko Research Center

<https://eisei.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/>



05 Center for Soseki and Hearn Studies, Faculty of Letters

<https://www.let.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/soseki-yakumo/>



06 International Research Center for Manga Studies, Faculty of Letters

Email: mangarc@kumamoto-u.ac.jp
<https://www.let.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/manga/en/>



07 Monument, Bronze Statue of Natsume Soseki, and Stone Slab with haiku Inscription

08 Relief of Lafcadio Hearn (Koizumi Yakumo)

09 Monument of Kano Jigoro

10 University Library

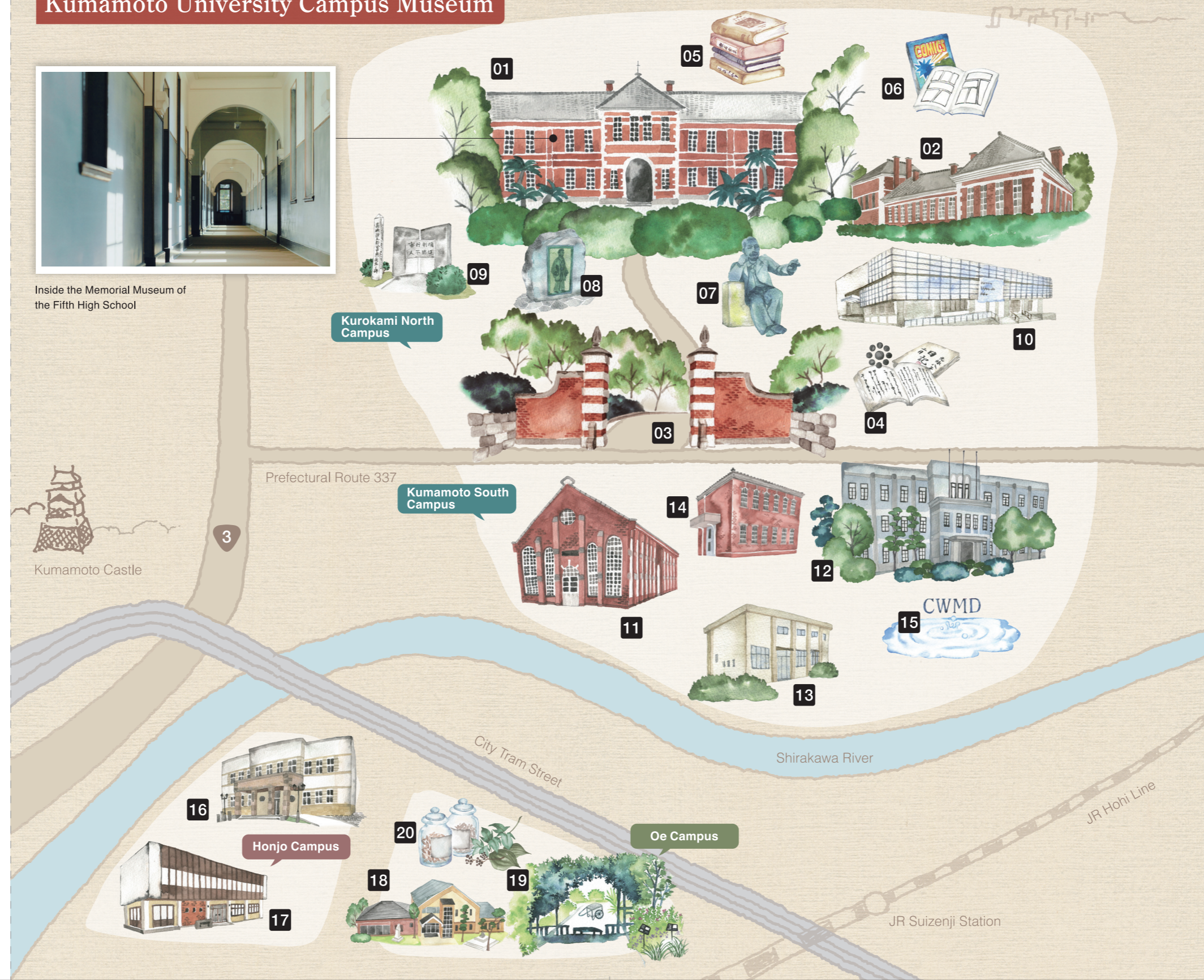
Opening hours: 8:40–22:00 on weekdays, 12:00–18:00 on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays
 Closed: Year end and New Year holidays, summer holidays, and other temporary closures
 Tel: +81(0)96-342-2227 (Central Library)
 Email: tos-somu@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp
<https://www.lib.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/eng/howtouse>



Kumamoto University Campus Museum



Inside the Memorial Museum of the Fifth High School



Kurokami South Campus

11 Museum of Engineering Faculty Important Cultural Property

Open to the public: 13:00–16:00, 3rd Thursday of each month
 Tel: +81(0)96-342-3513 (General Affairs Section, Administrative Division of Science and Technology)
 Email: szk-somu@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp
https://www.tech.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/kenkyushiryokan/info_02.html



12 Former Kumamoto Technical College Main Building Registered Tangible Cultural Property

13 Research Center for Buried Cultural Properties

Opening hours: 9:00–17:00
 Closed: Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays
 Tel: +81(0)96-342-3832
 Email: maibun@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp
<https://www.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/organizations/maibun>



14 Kumamoto University Archives *Advanced reservation is required

Opening hours: 10:00–16:30 [Reception hours: 10:00–12:00/13:00–16:00]
 Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, and year end; New Year; and summer holidays
 Tel: +81(0)96-342-3951
 Email: archives@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp
<http://archives.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/>



15 Center for Water Cycle, Marine Environment and Disaster Management

Tel: +81(0)96-342-3490
 Email: archives@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp
<https://cwmd.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/en/>



Honjo Campus

16 Yamasaki Memorial Hall Registered Tangible Cultural Property

Tel: +81(0)96-373-5988 (Facilities Management Office, Hospital Administrative Department)
 Email: iyc-kanri@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp

17 Higo Iku Museum

Opening hours: 10:00–17:00 (admission until 16:30)
 Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, and year end; New Year; and summer holidays
 Tel: +81(0)96-373-5426 (Kumamoto University School of Medicine Alumni Association, Yukyokai)
 e-mail: yukyokai@kumamoto-u.ac.jp
<https://dousoukai.site/yukyokai/>



Oe Campus

18 Kumayaku Museum

Opening hours: 9:00–17:00
 Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, and year end; New Year; and summer holidays
 Tel: +81(0)96-371-4651 (General Affairs Section, Administrative Office of Pharmaceutical Sciences)
 Email: sky-somu@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp
<http://www.pharm.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/museum/>



19 Medicinal Plant Garden

*The Medicinal Plant Garden Observation Meeting and other events are regularly held here
 Tel: +81(0)96-371-4737 (Global Center for Natural Resources Science)
https://www.pharm.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/gcnrs/facility/medicinal_plant_garden/



20 Museum of Traditional Medicine *Limited access to the public (advanced reservation is required)

Email only for reservations: kumayaku-vm@kumamoto-u.ac.jp
 Tel: +81(0)96-371-4651 (Global Center for Natural Resources Science)
 Email: sky-somu@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp